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For : A LENS BARREL INCORPORATING THE ADVANCING/RETRACTING  
MECHANISM

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.99, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were previously filed, Applicant hereby calls the following to the Examiner's attention.

The following documents were all cited in a German Office Action dated August 8, 2005, in reference to corresponding German Patent Application No. 103 39 388.9-51:

- (1) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 2002169078 A, which was published on June 14, 2002, together with an English language Abstract. Applicant notes that this document is a patent family member of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/036840 A1 to Nomura et al., which was published on March 28, 2002;

- (2) German Patent Publication No. DE 42 36 780 A1, which was published on May 6, 1993. Applicant notes that this document is a patent family member of U.K. Patent Publication No. GB 2262356, which was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement; and
- (3) Japanese Patent Publication No. 1-133014 A, which published on May 25, 1989, together with an English language Abstract.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the German Examiner are set forth in the translation of the German Office Action.


Copies of each of the above-mentioned documents are enclosed together with a completed PTO-1449 Form. A translation of the German Office Action is also provided. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the materials cited and indicate such consideration by appropriately initialing the PTO-1449 Form and including a copy of the initialed form in the next official communication.

Applicant notes that a Request for Continued Examination was submitted on May 10, 2005, and no subsequent Official Action has been received. Thus, no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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Should there be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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